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For: A MODULAR, EASILY)
CONFIGURABLE AND)
EXPANDIBLE NODE)
STRUCTURE FOR AN OPTICAL)
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before examining this application, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 2 of this amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 3 of this amendment.

An abstract is provided on page 9 of this amendment and as a separate page
enclosed herewith.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this amendment.